

THE EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION IN WHICH AN EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY OR PRIVILEGE IS CLAIMED ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. A barn for raising hogs, the barn comprising: a structure including walls and a roof, a floor within the structure for supporting the hogs, the floor being solid such that materials on the floor settle on the floor without passing therethrough and capable of supporting an animal and the floor including at least one sloped surface and a waste collection area at a lower end of the sloped surface and an animal feeding station adjacent an upper end of the sloped surface.
2. The barn of claim 1 further comprising a heater to heat an area of the barn adjacent the upper end of the sloped surface.
3. The barn of claim 1 further comprising a draft means for creating an air draft above the waste collection area.
4. The barn of claim 1 wherein the animal feeding station is a feeder that contains water in a liquid collection dish.
5. The barn of claim 1 wherein the animal feeding station is a feeder including on-demand means for releasing water upon demand by an animal.
6. The barn of claim 1 comprising at least two sloped surfaces inclining towards each other and toward the waste collection area.
7. The barn of claim 1 wherein the waste collection area is preferably substantially flat to facilitate waste pick up.
8. The barn of claim 1 further comprising walls arranged over the sloping surface to create pens for containment of animals.
9. The barn of claim 8 wherein the walls include open areas permitting visual communication between the pens.
10. The barn of claim 9 wherein the open areas are positioned adjacent the waste collection area.
11. A process for raising hogs, the process comprising: confining hogs on a solid floor, applying compostable, fibrous material to the solid floor, collecting

manure-soiled fibrous material from the floor and composting the manure-soiled fibrous material to form a nutrient rich material.

12. The process of claim 11 wherein the hogs are confined on a floor that is sloped toward a waste collection area to promote manure-soiled fibrous material to move by gravity toward the waste collection area.
13. The process of claim 11 further comprising providing an area on the floor conducive to animal sleeping.
14. The process of claim 12 further comprising controlling the environment to enhance defecation in the waste collection area.

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